

## I-5 – South 317<sup>th</sup> Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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### Construction Update

Crews are working hard throughout the project area:

- Building retaining walls on the west side of the freeway
- Digging the last detention pond near the S. 320<sup>th</sup> exit
- Filling the area behind the S. 317<sup>th</sup> bridge support
- Widening the southbound shoulder to provide room to build the new direct access ramps
- Installing drainage systems on the east side of the freeway
- Upgrading the permanent electrical system

Crews are still removing 42-year-old pavement from southbound I-5. They will run the rubble through a crusher and use that material as a base under the new roadway.

Check out our construction photos at  
[http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5\\_S317th\\_DirectAccess/photos](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5_S317th_DirectAccess/photos).

### I-5 Lane and Ramp Closures

No lane or ramp closures are anticipated in the project area this week.

### Work Zone Safe Driving Reminders

- **Turn on your headlights in the rain**, even during the day. Rain decreases visibility no matter how much daylight there is.
- **Don't cross solid white lines** on the S. 320<sup>th</sup> exit ramp or on the temporary roadway. Driving between the lines will get you safely through the work zone.
- **Be alert for construction vehicles.** We're looking out for you; please look out for us, too.
- **Allow extra following distance when following large trucks.** Following too close is like driving blind! You always want to be able to see what's ahead.

### Driving During Autumn Months

Last week we gave you some pointers on driving in wet weather. Here are some more:

**Check your tires.** Make sure the tread is not worn down and that they're inflated properly. Bald or under-inflated tires can cause your car to hydroplane on wet roads. Your vehicle's owner's manual should contain information on proper inflation. To check tread, hold a penny in the tire groove with Lincoln's head facing down. If you can see all of Lincoln's head, your tires need replacing.

**Allow extra following distance.** Following too closely is one of the top causes of accidents in wet weather. Remember the "four-second rule" from Drivers' Ed? Pick out a post or other stationary object and start counting when the vehicle in front of you passes it. At least four seconds should pass before you reach it. That rule is for dry pavement – you should allow even more time when the road is wet.

**Brake carefully.** Look ahead while driving so you can anticipate the need to stop. Don't stomp on your brakes – this can cause you to skid and lose control of your vehicle on a wet road. And don't forget that when you stop suddenly, the driver behind you might not be able to react in time!

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Don't miss out on our weekly radio updates on **AM 1520** as you drive through the project area. Let us know what you think of our radio messages by e-mailing Laura Johnson at [Johnsol@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:Johnsol@wsdot.wa.gov).

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